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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

16 FREDERICK MEISWINKEL, INC., a  
 17 California corporation

18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

20 NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE  
 21 COMPANY OF HARTFORD,

22 Defendants.

CASE NO. 07-05064 WHA MED

**DECLARATION OF ROBERT N. BERG  
 IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL'S REPLY  
 TO OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO  
 STAY PROCEEDINGS**

Date: March 27, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Courtroom: 9

Judge: William H. Alsup

23 I, Robert N. Berg, declare as follows:

24 1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold, LLP,  
 25 counsel for National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford in the present case. If called upon to  
 26 testify, I could testify competently to the following.

27 2. On February 5, 2008, I received an e-mail from Peter Schulz, counsel for plaintiff  
 herein, Frederick Meiswinkel, Inc. In the e-mail, counsel for Meiswinkel provided contact  
 information for Zurich North American Insurance Company. The contact information was to

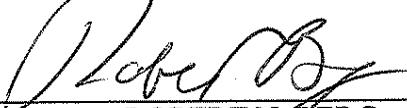
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1 enable National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford to contact Zurich and make arrangements  
2 for reimbursement of prior defense costs fronted by Zurich.

3       3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

4       Executed this 13 day of March, 2008, in San Francisco, California.

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ROBERT N. BERG

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